

Notes of the proceedings of the Commons  
on those days which have been omitted in this  
journal, from press of duties, as far as re-  
collected at this date - August 20<sup>th</sup> 1855 -

This portion of the notes is intended to fill up the hiatus which occurs in the Journal at the end of June and beginning of July, on the Umatilla River at the time, and omitted from the fact that all my time was consumed in making out papers for the Express River, Sergt. Eddins, of G Co, 4<sup>th</sup> Infy, whom I wished to send off at the earliest moment.

Saturday. June 30<sup>th</sup> 1855.

To day I mustered and inspected all the  
Command and has the Dr. Mrs. Employes pre-  
sent themselves and the rolled calls. Found  
everything in as good order as could be expected.

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Found some things deficient and corrected them  
as far as practicable in my Company. I let Priv. Mil-  
lerson lend a new pair of Boots to Priv. Rodney  
to be returned at the Dalles. Gave Priv. Finnigan  
the Upper Band Spring of Capt. McGarvey's musket,  
and allowed certain soldiers turn in their su-  
pernumerary articles for Field Service and made  
issues to fit out each soldier completely, at  
the end of this Book is a memorandum of the  
transaction.

Resumed my papers, saw that the muster rolls were completed: finished my letters to Mrs. Haller & Mr. Macfeely. Examined the muster rolls of Dr. Day's Company & Hosp'l Dept. Started the Ordnance Return of Post Ordnance for which I had been ordered accountable. Wrote until after midnight.



Sunday, July 1st. 1855.

Was up early, and at papers again. Examined the muster-rolls of I and K Companies and mailed all the muster rolls. Examined the Field Returns of the Command and mailed three of them to the several Heads, War Dept, Army, Dept. of Pacific, respectively. By application I was enabled to get my Ordnance Returns of the Post Ordn. off. also, and by one o'clock P.M. had the mail ready for Sergt. Eddins, who left shortly afterwards, for Fort Dallas.

Having accomplished this much, and being Sunday, I took a good nap which consumed pretty much the rest of this day.

Monday, July 2nd. 1855

Started off Lt. Dryer's Gr. Mr. Train to day to begin the ascent of the mountains to morrow and to keep them ahead of us if practicable until reaching Grand House. They all got off.

Issued to Company officers, to day, some Rifles, &c., of which a memorandum is made at the end of this book.

At the request of Sergt. Van Name I paid Mr. Whitney, of McKays Ranch, Three Dollars and gave Capt. Russell Fifteen Dollars on acc<sup>t</sup> of m<sup>y</sup> expenses.

Having started with \$20.00 I will mention here what became of it. I paid as follows.

To Mr. Jerry Dennis for Hens (Hens)	\$0.50
" Capt. Russell " M <sup>y</sup> m <sup>y</sup>	15.00
" Mr. Whitney for Sergt. Van Name	3.00
" Mr. Charles for 2 Salmon	1.00
" Lt. Dryer " 1 Kaholy	0.50

Prepared letters for Fort Hall. Wrote to Mr. Grant asking him to be my Interpreter, to Mr. McArthur to supply us with Beef & Flour, and to Capt. W. Grant, a friendly letter, asking him to come and see us.

Tuesday, July 3rd. 1855

Having mailed my letters for Fort Hall, and given the necessary directions for Mr. McQuirk and Mr. Fairbairn, of 1st Co. 5th Infantry, to be able to proceed with the Express, I saw them started, and wished them success.

At two o'clock, in the afternoon, agreeably to orders, the Camp was struck and the Command ready for the march. We proceeded to the Spring at the foot of the mountain and encamped for the night.

On the road we met with Mr. Noble who had come on and delivered to Lt. Dryer the six Steers. He did not turn round to return with us to Camp, but continued on to Mr. Kay's ranch to sleep there. It seems he was not content with 12 cts per pound, when we were getting it at 10 cts, but asked Mr. Dryer to give him one half cent more per pound, which he said he had promised to him.

Towards evening, we saw some one coming down the mountain leading a horse; it proved to be Mr. Whitney, from whom we learnt that the wagons had gotten on very well to Lee's encampment, and that his team would be at our Camp that evening. He had hauled to Lee's encampment a load of Corn to be delivered there to the Gr. Mr. as the grass was not sufficiently abundant nor would it do to let the animals scatter, and therefore, we bought the Corn with the condition that he deliver it there as our wagons were already heavily, indeed, too heavily loaded for the descent of the mountain.

Note. The journal is resumed with the 14th of July, which is entered just before Sunday the 5th July, and goes backwards until the 7th of the month.



Recollections of the Transactions  
which preceded the Commencement of this  
Journal in writing, on Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1855

Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> 1855

Lt. Day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Art'y, with his Company "L" was  
dispatched to the Depot on the Umatilla  
River, one mile above McKay's Ranch, to  
take charge there. Lt. Hodges, 4<sup>th</sup> Inf., accom-  
panied him, to relieve Lt. Gracie, 6<sup>th</sup> Inf., in  
charge of the Infantry, who, on being relieved,  
was to join Lt. Day's Company, and if he  
wished a furlough to come to the Dalles to  
arrange for this Campaign to have the  
opportunity to do so.

Dr. Milham, and Wms. Whland, Hosp. Stewts,  
accompanied Lt. Day. Also, Lt. Mendell, of the  
Topographical Engineers.

Dr. Steinberger, a citizen, also went as  
far as the Agency, I believe, then proceeded to  
Brooke & Bonfords Ranch.

Lt. Dyer started some of his  
Quarter Master teams for the Depot also,  
which were directed to be there in days.

Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 1855

Started off today, the remainder of Capt.  
Russell's command and the Teams for the  
Depot on the Umatilla. Capt. Russell's team  
was upset and considerably damaged before  
getting out of the village on the Reserve.  
Having seen them off, returned and relinquished  
the Command of the Post. The Qm Master's  
teams did not get started until late in  
the afternoon.

Started off about five o'clock, went  
by Mr. Thompson's house, but missed him and  
Genl. Palmer whom I intended to call upon - they  
were holding a Council with the Indians, off  
some distance.

Went by Capt. Olney's and found him at  
home. Had a long talk with him, and recol-  
lected that we had to get the Deed for Amb.  
Harriet signed, and Judge Olney would be  
at the Dalles while I would be absent, so that  
I could not attend to it. I wrote a letter there  
to Mrs. Haller about it and other things  
which I found I had forgotten.

I presented Capt. Olney with a Sit-  
ter holder and Gold-pen, and thanked him  
for his care of Molly our Steifer.

We arranged as to his time of joining us,  
and proceeding with the command.

Took supper with him and sat until  
ten o'clock at night. It being moonlight  
I proceeded then on my way. I reached the  
Des Chutes about midnight, just after the moon  
had gone down, and found some difficulty to get  
Ford, the Ferryman to pass me over. Got over at  
last, and marched along the road until I had  
ascended the hill, on leaving the Columbia,  
and perceived that the Command had not gone



along the road, and it was near the dawn of day, I concluded to lie down and sleep. Slept ~~until~~ <sup>until</sup> I came up, but saw no sign of the Troops.

Friday. June 22nd, 1885

On rising left my horse to feed and returned my sheep to the river then went back on the road to look for the Command and get my breakfast.

Met some Transients looking for mules and learnt that the Command had passed there. I borrowed a mule to ride and hastened back, when I found the Troops had encamped at the spring above the road, and were then ascending the hill. Hastened forward and found my horse and things all safe and sent the mule back.

Found Capt. Russell had not fared better than me, except in the way of sleep. He had not had breakfast, because he wished to make an early start, and get to John Day's River before night. We both lived, to-day, on the eggs given us by Mrs. Hallen.

Arrived at a good hour at Rock Creek and selected a camp close to its mouth. The Troops came in at a good hour also, and the wagons would have gotten in sometime before dark but for the King Bolt of my Wagon having broken in the big Canon so that the rear wagons could not get past it, and mine had to be unloaded and the wagon taken down and out of the waypoint. This gave us considerable trouble. It turned out that my King bolt was smaller than they generally are, so there was none on hand that would fit it, and I found I would have to send back for one to be made. I sent a note to Mr. Fields, by John, with the old King bolt. He found

Mr. Fields at the 9 mile spring, who immediately sent back to the Dalles for one like it and had the old one welded together.

I moved forward with a part of the men to the upper end of Rock Creek, above where the road breaks off for Clear Spring and found an excellent camp. By means of ropes and a wooden king bolt Capt. Russell managed to get my wagon this far with a considerable load. We all remained here and encamped for the night.

For Journal of Saturday, June 23rd, see the beginning of this Book.

The pencil I have in use has proven to be too soft for making notes or drawings, hence, it has happened that for several days I have not written up my Journal for want of writing materials, and when hurried, had to skip over several days, in order to record the present events, and, had little encouragement to attempt the topography.



